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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
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Re: Hearing Application
3000' Zone, Reservoirs A, B and C
LAKE WASHINGTON FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Swift Energy Operating, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Swift Energy Operating, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 3000' Zone, Reservoirs A, B and C, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

3000' Zone, Reservoir A

1. To dissolve the existing drilling and production unit created as the 3000' Zone, Reservoir A, by Office of Conservation Order No. 149-DDD-1, effective August 31, 2004 and to simultaneously create a revised single drilling and production unit of approximately 37 acres for the 3000' Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the 3000' RA SUA in the Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To permit applicant, Swift Energy Operating, LLC to designate and utilize the Swift Energy Cockrell-Moran No. 349 Well as an additional alternate unit well for the 3000' RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
3. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 3000' RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by other wells within the unit;
4. To grant a single unit allowable for the 3000' RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowable from the unit well, the alternate unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from a combination thereof, at its option;
5. To confirm Swift Energy Operating, LLC as operator for the 3000' RA SUA;
6. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 149-DDD-1 shall remain in full force and effect;

7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the sand and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation, and
8. To consider such other matters which may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.
9. The 3000' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined by Office of Conservation Order No. 149-DDD, effective October 22, 2002.

3000' Zone, Reservoir B

1. To dissolve the existing drilling and production unit created as the 3000' Zone, Reservoir B, by Office of Conservation Order No. 149-DDD-2, effective November 16, 2005 and to simultaneously create a revised single drilling and production unit of approximately 31 acres for the 3000' Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the 3000' RB SUA in the Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
3. The 3000' Zone, Reservoir B in Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana was previously redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 149-DDD-2, effective November 16, 2005;
4. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 149-DDD-2, effective November 16, 2005 shall remain in full force and effect.

3000' Zone, Reservoir C

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 9 acres for the 3000' Zone, Reservoir C designated as the 3000' RC SUA, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and unit well for the unit created herein;
5. To permit applicant, Swift Energy Operating, LLC to designate and utilize the Swift Energy Cockrell-Moran No. 349 Well as an alternate unit well for the 3000' RC SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
6. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 3000' RC SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by other wells within the unit;

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7. To grant a single unit allowable for the 3000' RC SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowable from the unit well, or the proposed alternate unit well, or from a combination thereof, at its option;
8. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
9. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.
10. The 3000' Zone, Reservoir C in the Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as that oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 3,214 feet (-3018' subsea) and 4,000 feet (-3690' subsea) (electrical log measurements) in the Swift Energy Operating, LLC-Cockrell-Moran No. 251 Well, located in Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 26 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated August 28, 2006 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

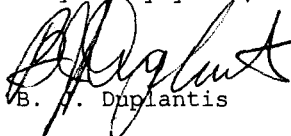
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 3000' Zone, Reservoirs A, B and C, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request. Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Remy Williams of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties
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